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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No. 10/687,136	Applicant(s) ISON ET AL.	
	Examiner Nikolai A. Gishnock	Art Unit 3714	

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THE REPLY FILED 06 November 2007 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☒ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

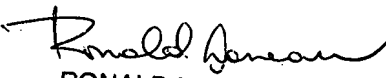
4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: _____.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.


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 PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation of 3. NOTE: The claims, if amended as proposed, would not avoid any of the rejections set forth in the last Office Action, and thus, the proposed amendments to claims 4, 19, and their dependants would not place the case in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's arguments filed 11/6/2007, see pages 6-8, are drawn to the claims as amended, and are therefore moot. Additionally, Applicant's argument that Kalley is not directed nor related to mock testing, see page 7, first full paragraph, is not persuasive because the test for analogous art is that the reference must either be in the field of the Applicant's endeavor or, if not, then must be reasonably pertinent to the particular problem with which the inventor was concerned. See MPEP 2141.01(a). In the instant case, the Applicant's and Kalley's fields of endeavor are both in the testing of electrical parts. It is understood that a simulation of a machine would draw upon the characteristics and function of the real machines being simulated. Applicant's particular problem is further disclosed as reducing the number interconnections between the respective probe points and the I/O boards, Kalley is reasonably pertinent to the problem of acquiring identifying information with a reduced number of interconnections, by reading coded identifiers, and is therefore analogous. Applicant's further argument that combination with Kalley would render the Schrenk reference inoperable because Schrenk monitors test points and does not rely upon a signal being transmitted from the test point into the probe is also not persuasive, because there is a reasonable expectation of success in combining Schrenk and Kalley. See MPEP 2143.02. In the instant case, Schrenk teaches providing a source of plus 10 volts (a low voltage) on the tip of a probe, which completes a circuit when it touches a test point (6:35-49). Kalley also teaches completing an electrical circuit to measure current (2:65-3:2). It is deemed reasonable to expect success because completion of a circuit occurs, regardless of an observer's convention of current flow, such as describing positive flow from a probe into a test point, or negative flow to a probe out of a test point. Merely reversing the direction of information flow or changing the point in a loop where the current is monitored would not require that the entire functionality of Schrenk be totally altered.